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PROCUREMENT OF ADVANCE JET TRAINERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made regarding procurement of Advance Jet Trainers (AJT);
- (b) the estimated cost of each AJT; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the finalisation of AJTs deal in view of frequent crashes of MIG-21?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Various options for acquisition of an Advance Jet Trainer are under examination by the Government. No contract for the AJT has been finalized. It would not be possible to lay down a time limit for such a major procurement project. However, the Government is keen on early finalization of the issue.